



Recruitment booth at the Fire Department Instructor's Conference (FDIC) in Atlantic City, New Jersey. From left to right: Firefighter Tim Baker, Firefighter Ellen Kurland, BFC Craig Baker and Firefighter Kenneth Burton.



Fire at Blue Plains Treatment Plant on October 4.



On October 12 Fire/EMS Chief Adrian Thompson wished Good Luck and Godspeed to A/BFC John Lee's daughter PFC Shannan Lee on her upcoming deployment to Iraq.

Fire Investigators Honored

Members of the Fire Investigations Unit were recognized by the Department of Justice for their involvement in the regional Serial Arson Investigation. DC's FIU was an integral part of that investigation, which was headed by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.



Left to Right: Investigators Sydney DeSilva, Gerald Pennington, DFC Richard Fleming, Investigator Gregory Bowyer and Sgt. Phillip Proctor.

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Death Notices

The department regrets the passing of the following retired members: Retired Firefighter John M. Bruton who passed away on September 17, 2005; Retired Firefighter Wilbur M. Anderson who passed away on October 1, 2005; Retired Firefighter Charles J. Lawrence who passed away on October 6, 2005; Retired Captain John R. O'Meara who passed away on October 23, 2005; Retired Fire Investigator Walter T. Assur who passed away on November 1, 2005; Retired Firefighter James K. White who passed away on November 3, 2005; Retired Lieutenant Edward A. Jackson who passed away on November 9, 2005 and Retired Lieutenant John E. Hughes who passed away on November 14, 2005.



DC Fire/EMS Personnel traveled to the Gulf Coast in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. Story on page 2.



★ ★ ★ **Adrian H. Thompson,**
Fire/EMS Chief
Anthony A. Williams, Mayor

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Answering the Call

Congratulations to 26 members of the DC Fire/EMS Department who responded in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. Four groups from the Department were sent to the Gulf Coast through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact.

FEMA 1000 — Hurricane Katrina

Captain Kenneth Moore (T-13-4)
Lieutenant Kelton Ellerbe (E-10-3)
Lieutenant Allan Winterwerp (T-14-4)
Lieutenant Charles Hottinger (E-23-2)
Sergeant Clavin Hickerson (T-6-4)
Inspector John Clay (FPD)
Firefighter Michael Freeman (T-13-4)
Firefighter Joseph Lozupone (T-7-4)
Firefighter Chris Maddox (T-7-4)
Firefighter Michael Roop (E-22-4)
Firefighter Victor Palmer (E-23-4)
Firefighter Alex Graham (E-21-4)
Firefighter William Smith (E-31-4)
Firefighter Karen Hunt (E-31-4)

FEMS — Mississippi EMAC Deployment

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Willis (TA)
Battalion Fire Chief James Talbert (4th Batt.)
Battalion Fire Chief Robert McClafferty (2nd Batt.)
Captain James Dugan (Safety Office)
Captain Kenneth Crosswhite (E-17-4)
Lieutenant Greg Turnell (T-13-1)
Sergeant Jonathan Sneed (1st Batt. -3)
Firefighter Dion Robinson (T-13-1)
Firefighter Brian Godfrey (T-15-2)
Firefighter Chris Sullivan (T-15-2)

FEMS Special Detail

Alan Etter (PIO)

Hurricane Wilma

Deputy Fire Chief Michael Willis (TA)
Captain Demetrios Vlassopoulos (E-18)

DC Fire/EMS provided expertise in several areas, including incident management, community relations and public affairs, food and water distribution, FEMA benefits Registration, and lots of physical labor off duty to help wherever it was needed.

Fire Prevention Week 2005

"When you go out — blow out!" That was this year's theme for National Fire Prevention Week, October 9-15 reminding people about safe candle use in the home. To draw attention to the fire safety awareness week, Fire/EMS Chief Thompson, Deputy Mayor Ed Reiskin, and DFC Richard Fleming participated in a kick-off ceremony at the quarters

of Engine 31, (4930 Connecticut Avenue, NW) on Tuesday, October 11, 2005.

Other events bringing life-saving messages to the community held during Fire Prevention Week included smoke alarm giveaways, a Health and Safety Fair at Paul Public Charter School, and a presentation for seniors at Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center.



Health and Safety Fair at Paul Public Charter School.



Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center.

Chief Frank Tremel Retires After 43 Years of Service

Deputy Fire Chief Frank Tremel receives a plaque commemorating his retirement after 43 years of service at a luncheon on November 9. Chief Tremel retired November 11, 2005. A/DFC Richard Moore, who is taking Chief Tremel's place in the Apparatus Division, is pictured presenting the plaque.



DFC Frank Tremel receives a plaque from A/DFC Richard Moore.

Recruit Class 341 Graduation



On Friday, September 16 a combined graduation was held for Firefighting Recruit Class 341, EMT Reciprocity Class 9R, EMT Reciprocity Class 11R, and EMT Reciprocity Class 12 R at the Training Academy. The 16 firefighting graduates began their training May 2, 2005. Also graduating was one bilingual EMT and five paramedics with prior experience who completed reciprocity training in District of Columbia protocols.

Cadet Class 11 Graduation



On September 26 Cadet Class 11 graduated during a ceremony held at Gallaudet University's Kellogg Center. The 25 cadets were recruited through the DC Department of Employment Services, Youth Opportunity Program. They completed an intensive one-year training curriculum at the Fire/EMS Training Academy to become firefighter/EMTs.

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Message from MIS

Great News! Fire/EMS personnel are eligible to receive discounted rates when you activate new mobile phone service through FEMS.in.dc.gov or by calling 1-866-464-8662.

Keep in mind that you may now transfer your current mobile phone number to T-Mobile if you sign up for T-Mobile and change mobile phone service providers. Simply call 1-866-464-8662.

Car Seat Clinics

The next Child Safety Seat Clinic is:

Saturday, December 10 1100-1500 Engine 24

Help us spread the word. Members of the community who are unable to attend one of these drop-in clinics can schedule a child safety seat check appointment by calling Ms. Shamone Hoston, Fire Prevention Division at (202)

727-1778. Appointments are available on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month between 1100-1500 hours.

The DC Retirement Board has a New Address

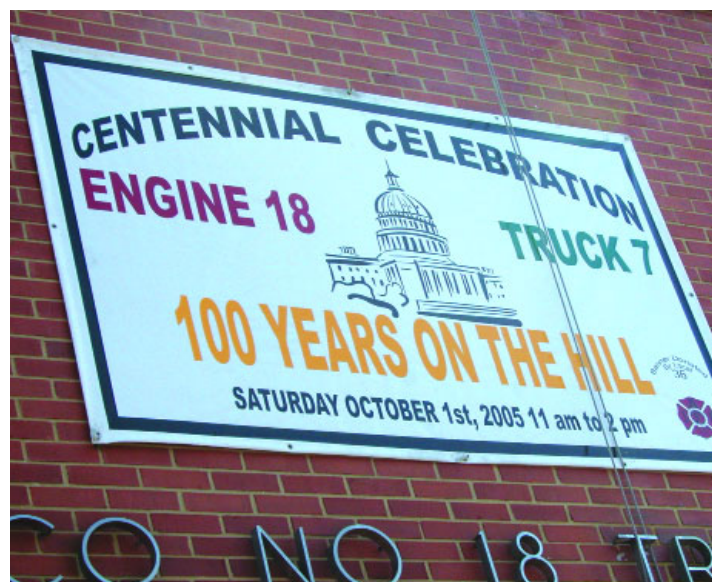
The District's Retirement Board for firefighters, teachers, and police officers has moved. The new location will handle the issues of retired Fire and EMS Personnel.

The New Address is: 900 7th Street, N.W.
2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20001
Phone: (202) 343-3200
Fax: (202) 566-5000
Email: dcrb@dc.gov
Webpage: www.dcrb.dc.gov

To schedule appointments with DC Retirement Board personnel call: (202) 343-3200. For active members, initial processing for retirement, retirement counseling, form acquisition, etc. will continue to be handled at:
DC Retirement and Relief Board
441 4th Street, NW, 3rd Floor
Suite 340 North
Washington, DC 20001

A Century Celebration of Engine 18/Truck 7

On October 1, Engine Company 18 and Truck 7 celebrated a century of service to the Capitol Hill community. Current and former members of the companies gathered for an open house.



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A DEAD first responder can't do the job.



33 first responders died in vehicle accidents in 2003.
Don't become a statistic.

Buckle your seat belt. Anticipate driver reactions. Stay alert at the scene.



SAVE LIVES...INCLUDING YOUR OWN.

For more information go to www.iafc.org and click on Staying Alive.

FEMS Intranet Update

The Office of Risk Management's monthly newsletter is now available on the Fire/EMS Department intranet web site. It's posted every month. Please visit our intranet site at: FEMS.in.dc.gov, click on Risk Management Division to access the newsletter.

Transforming Old Call Boxes into Art



Commander Larry D. McCoy and Fire/EMS Chief Adrian Thompson show off a decorated call box.

Art on Call is a city-wide effort led by Cultural Tourism DC to restore Washington, DC's abandoned fire and police call boxes as neighborhood artistic icons.

Fire and police call boxes were installed throughout the capital starting in the 1860s. Although they became

obsolete with the introduction of the 911 emergency call system in the 1970s, they remained on the streets.

The Art on Call initiative began in 2000 when the deteriorating call boxes were surveyed and identified for refurbishment. More than 1,100 abandoned boxes have been found to date. The District Department of Transportation stripped, primed, and prepared about 700 boxes.

On September 10, an unveiling was held at Dupont Circle showing off nine newly decorated call boxes. Also on display was the 1918 horse drawn fire engine. On October 15 in Woodley Park more call boxes were unveiled. The 1946 Antique Ford Engine Company was on display.

Language Line Service Training

On November 8 the Customer Service team conducted Language Line training for the personnel at the Grimke Building. Language Line Service (LLS) is an over the phone interpretation service. LLS is available for use by all DCFEMS personnel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It serves as liaison between an English speaking person and a non-English speaking person. The goal is to help our Fire/EMS provide the same level of services to everyone regardless of the language people speak. It is a great tool that allows us to provide a high level of service to all people in the District.

Personnel in the Fire Prevention Division have also been trained to use LLS and more training will be offered throughout the Department. Anyone interested in more information about LLS can call the Customer Service Office at (202) 673-3677 or (202) 673-3678.

Metro Rodeo Team Report



Fire Service Metro Rodeo Competition 2005.

Congratulations to Team DCFD Rodeo Champs who are the three time champions of the Fire Service METRO Rodeo Competition.

The METRO Rodeo, held November 5, tests physical disciplines, skills and knowledge needed when responding to a variety of METRO incidents. The events are timed and scored based on performance. METRO Emergency Response Map use is also tested and timed.

Our rodeo champs won in 2000, then again in 2003, and placed second in 2004. This year they took the cup for the third time. The team won two events and placed second in the other three, which clinched the first place finish.

Fire/EMS coaches are Lt. Jimmy Seavey, Sr. (E-17-2) and Richard Copeland (HMu-4).

Team members include Firefighters Scott Wilson (T-3-2), James Pennington (T-2-4), Colin St. Clair (RS-1-3) and Chris Holmes (RS-3-1). The team alternate was Firefighter Mike White (E-9-2).

The Championship Cup was brought to the Office of the Firefighting Deputy and is now in the Fire Chief's office. Cups from previous victories by the same team members reside at E-16/T-3 in the sitting room.

Toys for Tots



Chief Thompson distributed toys during the Toys For Tots 2005 Campaign Kick-Off at Union Station on November 22.



As Part of National Fallen Fighters Weekend October 6-9, 2005, Engine 3 and Truck 17 are in front of the Senate Russell Building. DCFEMS honor guard were represented in the Regional honor guard, and the Emerald Society played. We were also represented by a line of members at attention during a ceremony in the Senate Caucus Room.

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